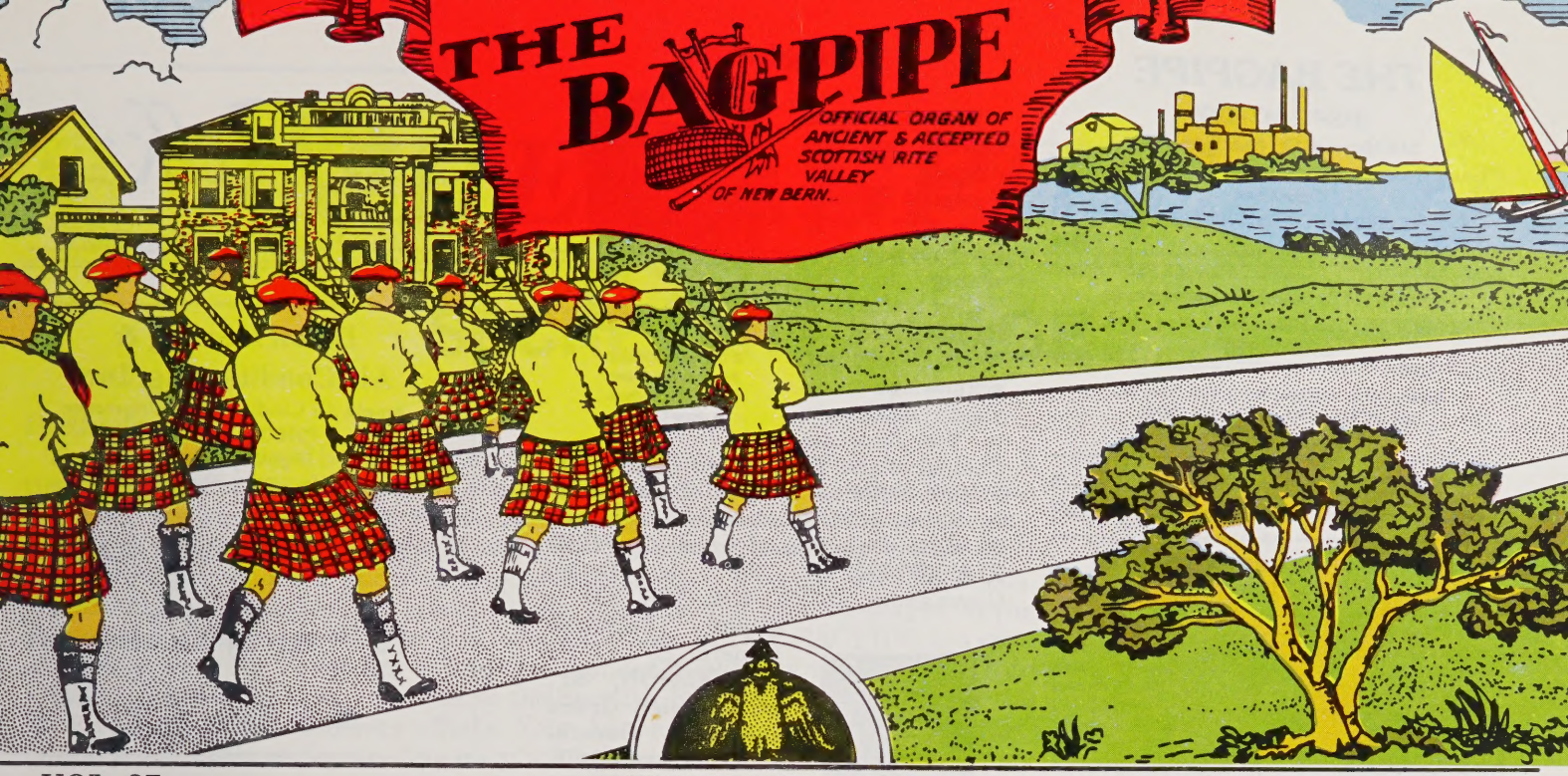

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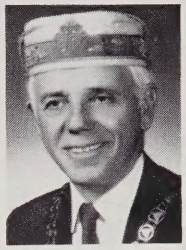

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

Brethren:

Though it has indeed been a hot, sweltering summer, I trust that it has been a time of joy and renewal for each of you and your families. As we reflect upon the events of the summer of '93, we are reminded of the record-breaking hot temperatures and the flooding of the Mississippi. Our thoughts and prayers are with and for the people of the midwest who have suffered so severely from the floods. We are also reminded of the great courage these people have displayed in the face of such a terrifying disaster and loss. Elsewhere in THE BAGPIPE is a copy of a letter from our Sovereign Grand Commander requesting that Scottish Rite Masons consider making donations to the Scottish Rite Foundation to assist the flood victims in their recovery efforts. Your Almoner's Fund has made a contribution toward this endeavor. Any members wishing to make a contribution may do so by making your check to the Scottish Rite Foundation, S.J., U.S.A., Inc. and sending it to the Supreme Council, 33°, 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3199.

Our fall reunion will be held on November 4, 5 and 6 and has been named "The People's Reunion." Let us all do our part to become involved in this reunion and make it the best ever. Invite those Master Masons who have not yet become Masters of the Royal Secret to join our ranks at this reunion. We are counting on you to make this an outstanding class.

A one-day Scottish Rite and Shrine Reunion/Ceremonial was held in Wilmington on August 7. The degrees were conferred upon 96 candidates; of those, 29 became members of the Valley of New Bern. Brother Lem Barnes of Manteo, a member of this class, was elected as one of the class officers—2nd Vice President. Congratulations to him and all who became 32° Scottish Rite Masons. We thank the Wilmington Bodies for the courtesy work for these new brethren and we welcome them to our Valley. They are encouraged to become active in their local clubs and in the Lodge of Perfection. They are also invited to attend the fall reunion and witness all of the degrees.

You are invited to join us on a holiday excursion to Myrtle Beach, SC where we will enjoy the Christmas shows at the Carolina Opry and Alabama American Pride Theaters. Details and the itinerary are on page 13. The dates are December 7-9.

The Supreme Council will hold its Biennial Session in Washington, DC in October. We anxiously await the announcement of the names of those brethren who will be honored by being elected Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and Inspectors General Honorary or 33°. The KCCH Investiture for North Carolina designates will be held in Charlotte on December 4. The coronation of Inspectors General Honorary for North and South Carolina will be held in Wilmington on November 20. On this date the Scottish Rite Temple in Wilmington will be dedicated. Congratulations!

We have in our office a limited number of copies of "A Study of Freemasonry" by the Interfaith Witness Department, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, let us know; they are $10.00.

As fall approaches, we look forward to returning to a full schedule of activities. The Lodge of Perfection will resume its regular meetings on Monday, September 13 at 8:00 P.M. The Venerable Master joins me in encouraging your active participation in these meetings. Please plan on joining us for the fellowship here on September 13.

Fraternally,

Billy

William L. Kilpatrick, 33°
Secretary

Something Else

Reynold Davenport, 33°

The song of the chain saw is heard throughout the neighborhood.

When we acquired our present domicile some years ago, there were thirty-eight pine trees in the yard, front and back. Now if you have never had experience with these elegant conifers, let me tell you a little something about them: There is something falling from a pine tree twenty-four hours a day, three-hundred-sixty-five days a year. It may be pine straw, or cones, twigs, pollen, whole limbs, but always something. It must all be picked up, raked up, stumbled over, hauled away, and regularly cussed.

Mary Frances and I labored under the pine tree assault for as long as extreme patience could bear, then we said: "ENOUGH."

So a few years ago we engaged the services of a tree expert. I use that term out of kindness and for the sake of accuracy. These craftsmen usually prefer to be called tree surgeons, but this individual was more of a tree butcher. He sawed and hacked and totally devastated each tree he encountered; there was evidence of mayhem in his approach but never any hint of surgical niceties. But he knew exactly how to do what he was doing, so he is best called a tree expert.

Our trees apparantly vied to see which could first pierce the clouds, they ranged from ninety to a hundred-fifteen feet in height. Consequently, not one of them could be thrown its full length without striking something of ours or a neighbor's. So this expert had to climb each and every tree and cut it down by section, bit by bit. He kept a ground crew busy roping the discharge into appropriate landings, sawing up the larger sections, loading all of it on a truck, and hauling it off. This extensive procedure, as you have probably guessed, was quite expensive. It had a readily apparent and most deleterious effect upon the old bank account.

But we were quite happy with the results. No longer must pine straw be raked from the yard or brushed from the roof. When hard winds blew, we no longer held our breath waiting for all or part of a pine tree to come crashing through our house.

Our neighbors, though, were horrified. "You have ruined your place,"

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°

they told us. And the fact was, even though Mary Frances had immediately planted some small trees and shrubs, they are only now reaching such size as to help the situation. So the place did look sort of bald for a while.

Then this past March arrived what was billed as "The Storm of the Century." The billing in no way flattered the storm, it lived up to all expectations and dreads. The wind blew something fierce, for hours and hours. Many of our neighbors deserted their homes and headed off somewhere else—anywhere to get out from under those towering, twisting, moaning, cracking pines. And it was well they left. A home across the street was split precisely in two by a crashing pine. One next door had a pine in its roof. A block away, two pines tore up the front and the roof of yet another home. Throughout the neighborhood—all over town—there was havoc wreaked by falling trees.

Well, since that storm, there has been a concerted and unrelenting war waged against the luckless pines. Many tree experts have been brought in to join the fray. One logger even moved his heavy equipment in and took pines from areas in which they could be felled full-length. Also, since that storm, not one single soul has told us how we ruined our place by removing our pines several years ago.

As I said in the beginning, the song of the chain saw is heard throughout the neighborhood.

On another track...

If you have not yet grown old, you should begin now to enhance your chances of and prepare for that eventuality. Unless, of course, you prefer the alternative. But I must warn you there are some disadvantages appertaining to the elderly state of being; some of which I have discovered in flight and freely pass along, as follows:

1. I understand I cannot now become a candidate for a heart transplant. It isn't that I had any plans or wishes to become such a candidate, it's just that my ineligibility seems simply another way of saying: "You doddering old fool, you don't have enough life expectancy to justify main engine replacement."

2. Ninety-odd percent—perhaps as high as ninety-five percent—of the population does not regard me as capable of doing anything worthwhile. This circumstance does, however, offer the advantage of virtual freedom from committee-serving, pall-bearing, and life insurance salesmen.

3. My doctor always seems a little surprised when I show up for my next appointment.

4. Cashiers in various establishments no longer ask if I am entitled to senior citizens' discounts, they just give me the discount. This circumstance has existed for quite some time.

5. Friends and aquaintances greeting me for the first time in months usually shake my hand quite gently and tell me, "You look GOOD," but I can read in their eyes the question, "Wonder what's propping the old boy up."

I could go on at length but neither the space nor your tolerance will permit it.

Finally, if I ever come into possession of a slime pit that is in need of excavation, I will seek out some talk show hosts to accomplish the work. Based upon my very brief exposures to several members of that profession, no one anywhere can possibly be more proficient at shoveling slime than they daily demonstrate themselves to be.

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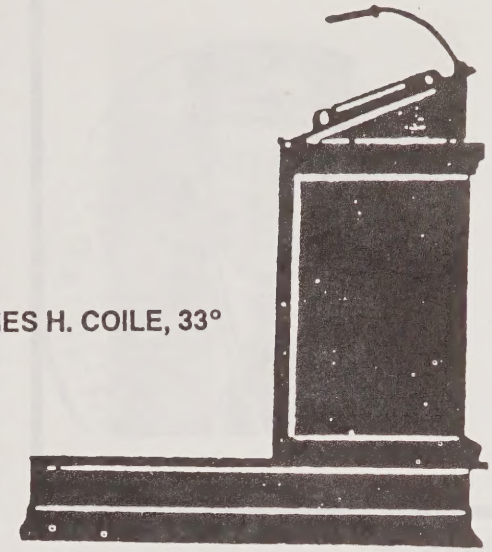

Inverting God's Purpose for Human Endeavors

The Scottish Rite Mason believes that he has been created by a loving, beneficent God who has a program and purpose for humankind in this world. He believes, teaches by precept and example, and lives out the belief that he is both a servant and a child of God who in all of his endeavors seeks to live out the will of the deity.

This concept, when rightly applied, enables the mason to do the will of God, to serve God, and to improve the world in which he lives. He first seeks the will of God for his life, seeking to discover the purpose for which God has placed him in this world. He does this by meditation and prayer, by study and reflection upon the wisdom of the ages, and by listening to the shared knowledge of those whom he admires and imitates. He hopes to increase his understanding of the deity and the activity of the deity in the world, for he knows that without a proper understanding of deity and the deity's purpose for humankind; and each individual human being, he can never hope to accomplish even the most minuscule portion of the work which the deity has created him to perform.

The Scottish Rite Mason involves himself in the worship of his chosen religious community and participates in the activities of his synagogue, temple, mosque, or church. He worships with his chosen religious community and involves himself in learning more about the God to whom he has vowed a life of service. In this community he seeks understanding of himself in the presence of deity, realizing that perfect understanding may never come, but continuing to pursue the better understanding of the deity that will result in a better and broader service to the God to whom he responds in love. As persons involve themselves in the worship of the deity, they become more knowledgeable about and more like the deity. It is then that their lives and the activities of their lives become more God-like in the world.

St. Augustine said many centuries ago that God had created man for Himself so that the soul of man was restless until it found rest in God. This precept spoken in ages past still informs the commitment of the masonic fraternity. When we find rest in the deity, then and only then is the man and/or mason able to live out the purposes for which the deity has created him.

The other side of the coin in human endeavor is illustrated by the good man who seeks to live life to the best of his ability, always observing the conventions of society, imitating the people whom the community admires and striving to live only according to what is expected of him by the community in which he lives.

Society establishes moral codes by trial and error; sometimes determining that the good of society is that which produces the most pleasure for the greatest number of people or that which produces the greatest "long term good" as opposed to the "short term good." The morals of a community when dependent only upon the admiration of the heroes of the past and present or the laws which established the society will continue to erode. As time passes, the society forgets the strong commitment to establish its norm by that which seems to be practical and pleasurable at the moment. Individuals who are content to imitate the morality of the social norm or the moral life of another individual are content with less than the best; content with less than what God has created for humankind, for imitated morality when based upon society and human example with each passing generation descends further and further from the deity.

Masonry would take everyone by the hand and lead him/her to the throne of the deity and encourage them to cast their gaze upon Him. Masonry would point to the purity of the deity and encourage persons to meditate upon the deity's dictates. Masonry would encourage all persons to listen in their hearts, souls, and minds to the persuasion of the presence of deity as he reveals himself to all humankind in the created order, in the great books of revelation handed down through the ages, and in the power of His spirit which moved upon the face of the deep when creation was begun.

As we relate ourselves to God, we discover a resource that which the deity intended. We discover a new relationship with the deity and live out a new partnership with him in doing his work in the world. If we neglect or ignore a relationship with the deity, we become human centered; then self-centered; and the destruction of the moral order begins the downward process to annihilation and destruction for both the individual and society. Only by a continual reliance upon the providence of deity can humankind survive and serve.

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The Lighter Side of Fayetteville

JAMES HAY, 32° KCCH

Tolliver: I've just been in a terrible fight.
Annabelle: Who won?
Tolliver: I don't know, I left in the middle of it.

Martha: 'Did you make the debating team?
Arthur: N-n-n-n0, they sssssa-said I wasn't t-t-t-all enough.

Name two things you can never eat for breakfast?
Lunch and dinner.

What's the difference between a man giong up the stairs and a man looking up the stairs?
One steps up the stairs, and the other stares up the steps.

Where do fish keep their life savings?
In a river bank.

Why can't you trust comedians?
Because they're always pulling some kind of funny business.

What did the Gingerbread boy find on his bed?
A cookie sheet, of course.

What do you call a little chicken that looks in other people's windows?
A Peeping Tom.

What do you get if you cross a lizard with a baseball player?
An outfielder who catches flies on his tongue and eats them.

Teacher: Now, class, are there any questions?
Dizzy Izzy: Yes, where do those words go when you rub them off the blackboard?

Why don't they invent pencils without erasers, for people who never make mistakes?

Jets are so big now that the first time a pilot flys them, they have to put training wheels on them.

There is a shirt fabric that is so advanced, it washes and irons itself while you are sleeping.

A mattress company has just introduced a new mattress that's so firm, people bruise their knees when they climb into bed.

A farmer's daughter has such bright red hair that when she leaves the house before sunrise, the roosters begin to crow.

Boner—an illegitimate person is one who can't read or write.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Ketchup.
Ketchup who?
Ketchup to her before she turns the corner.

Fred: Mom, may I go out and play?
Mom: What? With those torn trousers.
Fred: No, with the kids across the street.

Inventor: I have just crossed a race horse with a kangaroo?
Race Fan: What's so great about that?
Inventor: Well, for one thing, the jockey can ride inside.

Sam: I made only three mistakes in school today.
Proud Father: That's not bad at all, what were they?
Sam: I flunked history, English, and math.

Amy: Auntie kissed me.
Mother: How nice, did you kiss her back?
Amy: Of course not, I kissed her face.

Dad: I'd like to go for one whole day without punishing or scolding.
Davy: Permission granted.

Aunt (to nephew): My, you've put on some weight, haven't you?
Nephew: I hope so, I only weighed 8 pounds when I was born.

It's gonna be tough sledding today.
Why!
No snow!

On the fence of an estate, NO FISHING, NO HUNTING, SURVIVORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

On the door of a music store: GONE CHOPIN, BE BACH IN A MINUET.

Show me a professional comedian—and I'll show you a guy who has a job that people laugh at.

The S.S. Leek, carrying a cargo of onions, sank off the coast of North Carolina. The entire crew was rescued from the stinking ship.

Why did the minute hand have so much in common with the merry-go-round horse?
They'd both been around a lot.

What do you call a cow who won't give milk?
An udder failure.

When is it safe to pet a lion?
When it is a dandelion.

Why was the loaf of bread full of holes?
Because it was whole wheat.

Why was the groom unmarried?
Because he was a groom in the stables.

BILLY G. HAIRE, 33°

Down Memory Lane

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful summer. I grant you several days have been somewhat tough, especially with the heat index around 109 to 110 degrees, but all in all the summer has been beautiful. Some twenty candidates from our valley attended the one-day reunion in conjunction with the Shrine in Wilmington, N.C. on Saturday, August 7. As we prepare for the Fall Reunion in New Bern, here's hoping this will have little effect on the number of candidates in November. About three years ago I attempted to 99% retire, but circumstances have put me back to work and believe you me, it's been a busy summer for me. Enough of this idle chatter, let us review some history.

75 Years Ago. The Lodge of Perfection met on March 5, 1918, and this was the only meeting in the minute book for that year. Brother T.M. Hahn served as Venerable Master. The only business to come before the lodge was election of officers for the ensuing year. The following Brethren were duly elected by proper ballot: C.A. Seifert, V.M.; Allie Cook, S.W.; Huby Harper, J.W.; Leo Henderson, Almoner; T.A. Henry, Secretary; William Griffin, Treasurer; and Jesse Pope, Orator. The officers were installed on April 1, 1918, April Fools Day!

50 Years Ago. The year 1943 was a busy one, and the lodge membership had grown dramatically. The lodge met on March 8, 1943, with Brother Louis Howard as Venerable Master. Brother Leon Larison of Covington, Kentucky, petioned the lodge for affiliation. No objections were made and Brother Larison was elected to membership. Thirty-seven members were present. The lodge purchased $5,000.00 worth of War Bonds. A vote to add $250.00 to the Educational Fund was passed for specific use by Mr. Edward G. Farrow in order to help him complete his college education. Tuesday night, April 12, 1943, the lodge was opened with Brother Louis Howard presiding. Ninety-seven petitions for the Spring Reunion of April 13, 14, and 15 were received and voted on. Among the candidates in this reunion were Tom Fryer, Pastor of the First Baptist Church; C.T. Midgette, Jr. who later became Director of the Work; and Ottis Jefferson, the father of one of our assistant Directors of the Work, Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr. Thirty-five members were present. Would you believe ninety-three of the ninety-seven candidates received their degrees?

Sunday, April 25, 1943, was Easter Sunday and breakfast was served to fifty Brethren before the Service of Relighting the Candles at 9:00 A.M.

On June 14, 1943, the Lodge of Perfection was opened at 8:00 P.M. and it was voted to have no meetings in July and August. The meeting of September 13 saw thirty-seven petitions on hand for the Fall Reunion.

25 Years Ago. The Fall Reunion of 1968 was scheduled for November 19, 20, and 21. Brother Howard Constant had just been elected as Commander of New Bern Council of Kadosh No. 4. Brother Harvey W. Smith had just been elected Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine of North America. This means that Brother Smith was now in line to become Imperial Potentate. Anita Johnson, Miss North Carolina for 1969, daughter of Brother Carl D. Johnson of New Bern, visited our Valley sometime during her tour as Miss North Carolina. Three lovely ladies from New Bern travelled to Statesville, N.C. on June 27, 28, and 29 to represent the New Bern Assembly Order of the Rainbow. While there they received several awards from the Grand Assembly. Miss Betty Palmer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Palmer of New Bern, presented the North Carolina flag and was elected "Miss Service of North Carolina." Miss Carol Noble, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Frank Noble, Jr., PGM was appointed "Grand Representative of North Carolina to Australia." Miss Donna Dixon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O.N. Dixon was appointed "Grand Representative of North Carolina to Maine." Over 1,000 girls throughout the United States participated in the Grand Assembly.

The Lodge of Perfection met on Monday night, October 14 at 8:00 P.M. Plans were beginning to take shape for our Fall Reunion. "The Holy Saints John Reunion" was scheduled for November 19, 20, and 21. A Masonic play entitled t"To Entertain Strangers" was presented by the Masonic Players of Norfolk, Va. with a cast of fourteen Brethren. The play was presented in the Doric Lodge room. Brother Charles T. Midgette, Jr. was Director of the Work and our ladies' program was in full force. Brother Harvey Smith, Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine of North America, was honored by Sudan Temple on Thursday morning, September 12, 1968. Our honored guests for our Fall Reunion were Ill. James G. Johnston, SGIG in North Carolina; M/W Robert N. Bass, Jr.; Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr., USMC and "Miss North Carolina", Anita Johnson.

10 Years Ago. The Fall Reunion was named "The Harvest Reunion" and was scheduled for November 3, 4, and 5. Two grand Scottish Rite Masons were recognized at this reunion, Brother James W. Brewer

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IN THE LONG RUN...

"so run, that ye may obtain"
(I Cor. 9:24)

by Bill Blair, 33°

I regularly share with you my revelations from the asphalt chapel. My time spent running provides not only a chance for physical recreation and improved conditioning but also an opportunity for spiritual growth as well. My companion for life also shares my love of running and many of my hours in our asphalt chapel.

My wife gathers many of her significant inspirations while running long runs. Several months ago she was enjoying such a long run and had begun to experience the exhilaration that comes with outdoor exercise on a beautiful day. Her mind focused on a friend of hers who is a quadriplegic—a radiant, faith-filled friend who has not been able to move a muscle from the neck down in 19 years. She reflected on her friend's need for dependable transportation, i.e. a specially equipped van, to get her to and from the doctor's office, church, and other places she needs to go. My wife Eloise was overcome with a sense of gratitude for her own blessings...a strong and healthy body, feet and legs able to run long distances...blessings which her friend has not enjoyed for all these 19 years since an injury left her paralyzed from the neck down.

It was at this moment that my wife realized she was being called to do something about her friend's need for transportation. Eloise returned from that long run with her mind racing with ideas for how to mount a community-wide effort to raise money to provide the specially-equipped van her friend needs. The message was clear to Eloise. From her abundance of blessings she could share and pull together the resources to provide for her friend's needs.

This project is now drawing to a wonderfully successful conclusion. This very day Eloise has entered into an agreement to purchase just the right van; in addition, funds have been sufficient to completely refurbish her friend's wheelchair.

Why do I share this story with you? I share it because it reminds me of our real calling as brethren in Masonry. What is your primary responisbility as a Scottish Rite Mason? Is it to attend lodge meetings or to be active in our own Lodge of Perfection? Is it to memorize catechisms and become proficient in ritualistic degree work?

We are indeed called to do these things, brethren, but ours is a far more broad and encompassing call. We are called to elevate Masonry in our homes and communities through our daily lives, by how we love and give and share. We have not truly embodied Scottish Rite Masonry until we practice what we preach...until we reach out in love to share our blessings with those round about us.

It is true that we cannot earn God's grace by performing good deeds. However, what better way is there to say "thank you" to our Creator for our blessings than to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others.

Let me conclude by recalling a portion of the eulogy delivered at the funeral of Jack White, 32° KCCH, and a fellow worker in the 13° for many years. The minister shared what people would miss most about Jack would be those deeds of kindness Jack did for others just because he loved doing them. Our departed brother found the joy in Masonry and in all life not in honors he could earn but rather in what he could do for other people.

Join me, brethren, in energizing our fraternity in meeting the needs of our community. Remember that the Perfect Master called us to heal the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for others. Freely we have received. Freely we must give.

(Note: Eloise thanks Brothers Leonard Safrit, Erskine Blankenship, and many other Masons in Carteret County who have helped with the van project for her friend.)

Down Memory Lane

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and Francis W. Clark.

It's time I should go, as space is limited. My thanks to a dear friend, Ms. June Batson, who helped me tremendously in the last issue of Bagpipe. What a dear lady! Hope to see all of you at the Fall Reunion. A thought to leave you with: "A college education seldom hurts a man if he is willing to learn a little something after he graduates."

P.S. There were 102 new candidates at the Wilmington one-day reunion the weekend of August 7 and 8. Congratulations!

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Will It Be "Fame or Name"

Several months ago, several coworkers and I were discussing my retirement that was forthcoming in a few years. During the conversation, I was asked the question "What do you want to be known for or what will be your legacy?"

Even though I had not specifically thought about what I wanted to be known for, I must admit that as I had grown older, the idea had crossed my mind occasionally but not in the context of retirement or death.

Upon some reflection on this question, I reminded myself that my values and goals had changed somewhat, with the passing of time. Early in life, I and most other people are primarily concerned with earning enough income to provide the basic necessities of life, i.e. food, clothing, and shelter. As we grow older, providing the basic necessities of life for our families continues to be important but other things also become important; things such as social acceptance by our fellowman, reputation, contributions to the community, service to God, etc. Then, as we begin to approach retirement age, we begin to ask ourselves questions, such as "What difference has my life made in my community, to my family, to God?" "What will people remember about me or say about me when I've retired or am dead?" or "What will I be known for?" At this stage in life, we begin to reflect on our past contributions, work and other activities. There are many who will say they want fame and fortune or desire to see their names on buildings, highways, bridges, etc. Some will want to be known for their leadership or courage in some particular movement or cause.

And while some of these notions or motivations may not be all bad, we should remember that there are other things for which we might be known that last much longer than fame and fortune. For example, the Holy Bible says to us that a "good name" is more precious than gold or silver and more desirable.

A "good name" certainly would reflect the contributions or characteristics of friendship, morality and brotherly love. And surely, to be known for these attributes will be remembered long after the buildings have crumbled or the fortunes have been spent. Furthermore, there's no way to put a "price" on these attributes; it's the way we live or have lived.

As a Mason, we are taught that "we're traveling upon a level of time, from whose borne, no traveler ever returns." We create our legacy or name as we live. Are we looking for our names (lives) to be remembered by being inscribed on buildings or in the hearts and minds of our fellowmen?

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REUNION ACTIVITIES
Thursday, November 4, 1993

10:00 A.M. -4°- Secret Master, Lee K. Allen, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Charles Moore, Michael Coleman, and John Brinkley.

10:45 A.M. -5°- Perfect Master. John R. Edwards, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert Spivey, William C. Kellum, Alva J. Waters, Marvin Latham, Harold E. Brown, David Haskett, Winston Dobson, Roy B. Ingram, John D. Lewis and Kenneth Dimpsey.

11:45 A.M. -6°- Confidential Secretary. Edward J. Harper, II, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Charles Russell, Clifton Everett, Jr., Kenneth Smith and Mike Register.

12:20 P.M. -7°- Provost and Judge. John M. Walston, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Frank Noble, David Haskett, Billy Dill, James Wiley and Mike Register.

1:00 P.M. -Luncheon.

2:15 P.M. -8°- Intendent of Building. O. Lee Jones, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Sam Taylor, Tom Carraway, Stacy C. Chadwick, Jr., Richard Farlee, Billy J. Taylor, Arthur Loose, Bob O'Keef, and Jeffery Styron.

3:00 P.M. -9°- Elu of Nine. WIlliam L. Dill, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by E. Coy Wetherington, William Kellum, Raymond Smith, II, W.H. Gillikin, Walter Paramore, Charles Russell, W. Stan Kellum, Elijah Cannon,Marvin latham, John Walston, James Brulet, Elwood Cayton, T.C. Williams, Jr. and Harold Brown.

4:00 P.M. -10°- Elu of Fifteen. Gerry T. Smith, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by John H. Lilly, Leonard Safrit, Elwood Cayton, James Brulet, Hubert Lilly, Kerney Merrill, Larry Pittman and T.C. Williams, Jr.

4:45 P.M.	-11°-	Elu of Twelve. Tommy Phelps, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James Brulet, Elwood Cayton, William C. Kellum, John Walston, Coy Wetherington, Billy Dill and T.C. Williams, Jr.
	-12°-	Communicated.
5:45 P.M.	-13°-	Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Billy J. Taylor, Ron Parrish and Richard Welborn.
6:30 P.M.	-Dinner.	
7:45 P.M.	-14°-	Perfect Elu. Jerry Stapleford, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Oscar Kafer, III, L.D. Wyatt, William Vestal, John David Lewis, Billy Dill, Raymond Smith, II, and Richard Welborn.

Friday, November 5, 1993

8:00 A.M.	-15°-	Knight of East. Robert Langston, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Raymond Smith, II, Walter Paramore, W. Stan Kellum, Alvia Hearren, Tom McCree, Marvin Latham, Harold E. Brown, James Brulet, Jesse Vail, Leonard Dooley, Winston Dobson, P.R. Mitchell, David Grissom and Ralph Shirley.
	-16°-	Communicated.
10:00 A.M.	-17°-	Knight of East and West. Bascom Miller, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Edward Ray Edwards, James Coile, Bobby Meadows, Johnny S. Surles, Charles Hill and John Brinkley.
10:45 A.M.	-18°-	Knight of Rose Croix. Johnny Surles, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by William C. Kellum, Raymond Smith, II, Arthur Loose and Roy Collins.
12:00 Noon	-Luncheon.	
	-19°-	Communicated.
1:00 P.M.	-20°-	Master of Symbolic Lodge. Allen C. Edens, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Joseph Dryden, James Hay, R. Hoyt Randall, Louis Dean, Jack Lewis, William P. Jackson, Hugh Rollins and John Lynch.
2:05 P.M.	21°-	Noachite or Prussian Knight. William H. Scott, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by William C. Kellum, Pete Bland, David Haskett, Terry Wethington, Richard C. Rohm, Michael Register, Roy. B. Ingram, Bryan Potter and Steve Burgess.
	-22°-	
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	-24°-	Communicated.
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3:25 P.M.	-26°-	Prince of Mercy. Thomas W. McCree, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Louie J. Smith, Royden Caulk, Jesse C. Vail, Jesse Sellers, James Warren, Merwin Marshburn, Edward Rouse, W. Dennis Combs, Starkey Shaw, Ralph Levi, David Guthrie, Ron Blanchard, Lee A. Moore, and Tom Webb.
4:25 P.M.	-27°-	Knight Commander of the Temple. Elwood Cayton, Sr., 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Raymond Smith, II, William Scott, Leonard Safrit, Bill Blair, Donnie Dixon, John R. Edwards, William J. Clark, John D. Lewis, T.C. Williams, Jr., Reuben E. Rice, Edgar E. Mallard and Clayton E. Burch.
	-28°-	Communicated.
5:20 P.M.	-29°-	Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Don Kosik, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Everett Brothers, Francis W. Clark, Alvin Arnold, Herbert Lange, Julian Copeland, Edwin Midgett, Ernest Cartwright, Ty Newell, III, Orville McNary, W. Frank Wood, Jeff Spear, Larry Newell and Dennis Sawyer.
6:30 P.M.	-Dinner.	
7:40 P.M.	-30°-	Knight of Kadosh. 1st Apartment: Tom Supplee, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Don Kosik. 2nd Apartment: Craig Mallard, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Douglas Soltow and Kenneth L. Dimpsey. 3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by David Jordan, L.V. Godwin, Norman Pridgen and Herman Barnes. 4th Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Joe I. Joyner, L.V. Godwin and Mark Jones.

Saturday, November 6, 1993

8:25 A.M.	-31°-	Inspector Inquisitor. L.R. "Pete" Thomas, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Lee Jones, Don Kosik, Billy Dill, James A. Tadlock, Jr., Carlton Jackson, William C. Kellum, Edward Coleman, Alvin Arnold, Joseph Ray, Jr., Douglas Soltow, Dana Outlaw, Kenneth L. Dimpsey and Steve Burgess.
9:45 A.M.	-32°-	Master of Royal Secret. Ray H. Early, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Leroy Whitfield, Ed Raines, Tommy Boone, Roland Chadwick, John I. Whitfield, Hubert Waters, W.R. MacIntosh, James Brulet, Dell Broadwell, A.H. Thomas, W.H. Willis, Richard T. Vernon, Joseph A. Ray, Jr., Amos Sykes, Jim Potter, Clarence Whitfield, John Holt, and Fred Simpson.
12:15 P.M.	-Luncheon.	

Something Further From The West

One more victory for Freemasonry! Our ultra religious detractors, who were responsible for the yearlong "Investigation of Freemasonry" were urged to proceed, noting that the publicity would help us Masons, even though it would, in all probability hurt us Baptists. Their energies and resources might well have been applied to our avowed goal of evangelizing the world by the year 2000. Charge the unfortunate mistake to a few overly zealous fanatics who wanted attention. "Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived!" Backed up by the facts and figures of tradition, Freemasonry's campaign of "Overkill" negated their efforts to wipe us out.

Masons, however, are not to gloat over this victory nor sit back upon their laurels (Credit for "laurels" is not really ours, but our predecessors) but renew their energies in promoting what has been handed down by generations of great leaders in church and government as well as Masonry. We have the responsibility of preserving it.

The Valley of Enfield will hold its next business meeting on Sept. 15 at 7:00 P.M. The leaders are hoping to make it a "Pep Rally" in preparation for our fall reunion, Oct. 27. Degree team workers, especially, are urged to be present and bring some inovative ideas to enhance the effectiveness of their work. All members are cordially invited to attend. We also need to consider our potential for candidates, both for Enfield and New Bern. Perhaps you might have a good suggestion for a different approach in persuading prospects!

PAY YOUR DUES! Payment was due Jan. 1st. We have nearly a hundred who, at this time have not paid for 1993. Supreme Council has dropped about forty from our rolls who are delinquent for 1992. We can't afford to lose you! Look at your card. If it is not a 1993 model, pay up. The "powers that be" have decreed that, henceforth, upon attending Scottish Rite functions, you will be requested to show a CURRENT dues card, so take heed!

I am the self-appointed custodian of several turtles (terrapins), rescued from precarious highway situations over the years. Their names are: Herman, Sherman, Verman, Thurman, Furman, Jerman, and one unnamed offspring. My favorite is Herman, so named before being discovered digging a hole in which to deposit eggs. She was not interested in changing her name to "Hermina", so she is still Herman. She has three left feet! One rear foot had been dismembered before we met, but the other three were left. She will come to me at top turtle speed to be taken slug (snail) hunting. Imagine a turtle digging a 4 or 5 inch deep hole with one rear foot and a nub! She does it.

I like turtles. We have some things in common: slow, deliberate, quiet, cautious, non-aggresive, not selfish, reserved, and ready, upon the slightest provocation, to retreat into a shell. Turtles are long lived (I'm working on that). Herman looks as young now as she did 20 years ago, especially when she smiles.

Best wishes to all! Hope you had a good summer and are ready to buckle down to the tasks that lie ahead, especially in the promotion of Freemasonry in all its facets. Let your light so shine that the world can say "there goes a good man and a mason!"

Fraternally,
Jesse Harris
Secretary (Enfield)

Freemasonry and Religion

My Brothers,

When I first heard of the impending accusations and investigation into Freemasonry by the Southern Baptist Convention, my first reaction was one of alarm. I have been an ordained Prebyterian minister for almost seventeen years, and I have been acquainted with the nature and influence of religious fundamentalism for all my years of ministry. However, it is not my intent to attact that face of religion or to attempt to fend off its antagonism. Something has happened as this debate has continued in recent months—something that has made me even more proud of the Craft as events have developed. I have no doubt that those behind the accusations leveled against the Craft are sincere. If that is not questioned, then what further motive could there be for such actions as have been taken? What I perceive is that Freemasonry is now being attacked, not because of the charges so loudly declared (as if they might be WEAKNESSES of Freemasonry), but because of the STRENGTHS of our beloved craft. Let me speak to some of those strengths that now emerge so as to make me very proud.

Freemasonry has a proven record of generous support for many different agencies of charity and relief. In the May, 1993 issue of The Scottish Rite Journal, Brother J.C. Montgomery, Jr. has compiled a most helpful list of charitable endeavors supported by the Craft, and an impressive list it is! Perhaps such an enviable record of service is disturbing to others who also serve in the vineyards of human suffering and covet such dedication for their own endeavors.

Freemasonry has shown itself to be an incredibly loyal body of persons who, when called to the task, respond willingly; and when called to the defense of the Craft, proudly and publicly declare their allegiance. We state very clearly our pride and loyalty for the Craft, even as we also declare that it supports and never supercedes our individual religious roots, traditions, and memberships. Such loyalty could never be commanded, only earned through honest human experience. We trust and believe that every Mason applies such loyalty to his own home church and personal ministry.

Freemasonry has the integrity to speak truth openly and lovingly, shunning scheming plots and hidden agendas. As we are reminded, we do not respond to attack and distortion with vengeance and violence. Our common spirit is one of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, no matter whether directed to one within or outside of the Craft.

Freemasonry has accomplished a great and grand coup in fostering unity among brethren of many different beliefs and backgrounds. in refusing to be drawn into civil wars over particular personal beliefs, we are indeed strengthened among factions, clans, and families worldwide, our Craft is demonstrating how true and honest unity can be achieved without forcing conformity upon its people.

Finally, Freemasonry has the ability to call forth the best from its in-

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dividual members. The bonds established within the Craft, the countless examples of others who give of themselves, and the many opportunities for service afford every brother the means to make the most of whatever God has given him. Again, it is expected that every brother will then use his gifts and talents not simply within the lodge, but in service to his home, church, and community.

I believe Freemasonry is now under attack because of these and other strengths. I do not know and will not speculate here as to why these accusations are being pronounced, but I do know that recent events have made such strengths of our Craft ever more visible. I do not fear for the life of Freemasonry. Seeing such characteristics as I have mentioned, I know that such attacks from outside cannot harm the Craft substantively, and if by some means Freemasonry should be harmed, it would only serve to deepen Masonic loyalty. I do not fear for the life and integrity of the Southern Baptist Convention. I call upon my brothers to pray for the life and mission of that proud and beleaguered denomination which has made such a profound mark upon the religious life of our country and world, yet now face deep and divisive dilemmas.

I am proud of the Craft, and I know that it has inestimably enhanced my personal and religious life. I know that I am a better person and a more faithful Christian because of my participation in Freemasonry.

Fraternally Yours,
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Memorandum from Sovereign Grand Commander, C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33° Donations for Flood Victims

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THROW THE KEY AWAY

I have shut the door on yesterday.
Its sorrows and its riches.
I have locked within its gloomy walls
Past failures and mistakes.
And now I throw the key away,
And seek another room.
And furnish it with hope and smiles.
And every springtime bloom.
No thought shall enter this abode
That has a tint of pain.
And envy, malice, and distrust
Shall never entrance gain.
I have shut the door on yesterday
And thrown the key away.
Tomorrow holds no fear for me,
Since I have found today.

Notes of Appreciation

The family of Mrs. Ila S. Griffin
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Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, New Bern, N.C. ..... 19.....
(Date)

BRETHREN:

I, the undersigned, am a Master Mason in good standing in .....
Lodge No. ....., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge
(City and State)
of ....., and I have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the .....° to the .....°, inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

If applicable, complete this section. I belong to:

..... Lodge of Perfection at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Chapter of Knights of Red Croix at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Council of Knights of Kadosh at .....
(Name) (City and State)

Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials

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Residence ..... City ..... County ..... State

Date of Birth ..... Month ..... Day ..... Year

Place of Birth ..... City ..... County ..... State

My occupation, position or trade is that of .....
(State fully nature of your duties)

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Do you approve wholeheartedly of theses principles? .....
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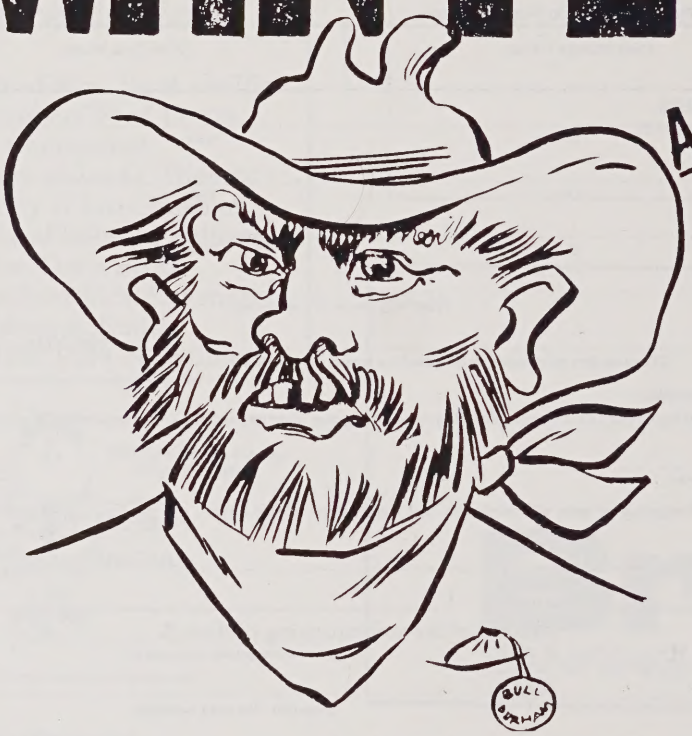

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